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Christian Endeavor Convention Held In Portland

The Christian Church will be well represented in the leadership of the combined Oregon - Washington Christian Endeavor convention to be held April 27-30, at the First Presbyterian Church, Portland, Oregon, according to Miss Dorothy Howes, Executive Secretary of the Oregon Christian Endeavor Union.

Reason for the combined convention is opportunity to secure as guest speaker Rev. Stanley A. Baker of London, England, president of the Christian Endeavor Union of Great Britain and Ireland. He will develop the convention theme, **"Build With Christ".** Reverend Mr. Baker is a widely traveled evangelist and is coming to the United States for six weeks following conferences with Christian Endeavorers in Holland and Germany. He will return to England for the British Christian Endeavor convention and then plans to make a tour of Australia.

Local Arrangements

Mr. Harold L. Cook, Portland attorney, is chairman of the committee for local arrangements and Mrs. Arthur J. Stanley has charge of housing. Over 1000 delegates are expected from outside of Portland and Portland families are invited to assist by calling Mrs. Stanley at KE 8523.

Ivan Correll, pastor of the Christian Church at Opportunity, Washington, is again to be convention song leader and direct a conference on song leading. Kathleen Brownlow of the Christian Church at St. Helens is convention pianist.

Mayor Dorothy M. Lee and Arthur J. Stanley have been invited to welcome delegates at the opening session Thursday evening. Howard Cole of the St. Johns Christian Church will serve as convention announcer and as leader of the conference on Union Work.

Ralph Holcomb, Central Christian Church, Portland, is serving as treasurer and registrar of the local committee. Vernon L. Fishback former executive secretary of the Oregon CE Union and now pastor of the Tekoa Christian Church, is to be the leader of the Society Officers conference.

Special Features

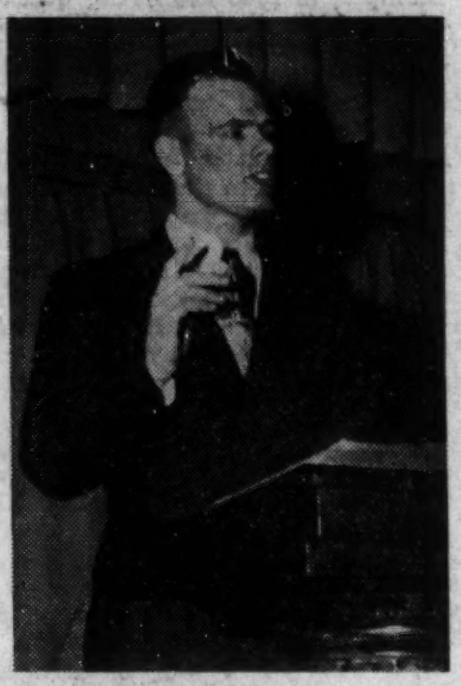
Special features of the convention will include two banquets on Saturday evening and a separate convention for Juniors and their leaders on Saturday, thirteen simultaneous conferences on CE methods, special musical features and the high school dramatization contest, the intermediate Bible interpretation contest, and the publicity and junior contests.

Further information and registrations may be obtained from CE headquarters, 303 Davis Building, Portland 4, Oregon.

Picture Ready

The picture of the group of missionary organizations presidents and ministers wives who attended the Christian Women's Fellowship meeting at Mallory Avenue, Portland, February 16-17, which appeared in the March issue of the Oregon Christian can be obtained from Mrs. C. C. Smith, 7033 N. Wellesly, Portland 3, Oregon.

POSTER OF CAMPUS LIFE PREPARED



James Edward Kimsey, Student Body President of Northwest Christian College

Central in the new picture-poster prepared to show life on the campus of Northwest Christian College is the picture of Jim Kimsey, which appears above.

Jim came to N.C.C. from the Church of Christ at Coquille at the time Liston Parrish was pastor. Born at Denver, Colorado, Jim has spent most of his life in Oregon. He graduated from the Coquille High School in 1945.

After coming to N.C.C., Jim was selected as a member of the Male Quartet and saw a lot of country while presenting the work of the College and the Gospel of Christ through song. In summers he has worked in the woods and qualified as an expert woodsman. He now serves as pastor of the Fall Creek Church while continuing his studies.

Dolores Youn of Bakersfield, California, became the bride of Jim upon his return from a Quartet trip to the International and World Conventions in 1947. Mrs. Kimsey, a graduate of Northwest Christian College, is now assisting as an instructor in the Speech Department.

Jim Kimsey is a splendid representative of the large number of Oregon young men now in training at Northwest Christian College to become pastors, missionaries, and workers in other areas of employed Christian service.

STATE EVANGELIST RESIGNS MAY 1st

After Fifteen Years Of Service, B. Ross Evans Accepts Pastorate

After serving nearly 15 years as state evangelist, B. Ross Evans has decided to leave the field and take a pastorate. He has accepted a call to pastor the church at Sweet Home. I am sure our loss will be a gain for Sweet Home. Ross has done an outstanding work and is loved and appreciated by the whole state as well as by the state board and secretary. Not many evangelists can go back to the same field three, four and even five times and still have a good meeting. Because Ross has had the ability to do this is the reason he has continued this ministry of nearly fifteen years. Ross, I am sure I am speaking the mind of the churches of the state when I say you have done a fine work, and we appreciate your contribution to the total cause of Christ in Oregon so much. Our prayer is, that the Lord may richly bless you and your wife in your labors at Sweet Home. We know you will continue your interest and support of state missions and the one who may be selected to be your successor.—C.H.A.

B. Ross Evans

Shall We Ring The Tabernacle Bell?

The old historic bell on the tabernacle at Turner is really part of the life of Oregon and our convention. The timbers holding the bell are in sad need of repair. The Grounds Committee feel it is dangerous to use the bell until some work is done. Since the Convention Fund is already in the red it has been decided not to use the bell this year unless some churches or individuals make the needed repairs possible through a special contribution to this fund. If you want to hear the historic bell ring during the convention sessions, the necessary funds must be supplied at once.

An Aggressive New Church

It was my privilege to spend two weeks with the church at Burns. I find a very aggressive group for a new church. They are ironing out many of their growing pains. I held a two weeks church development meeting with them. I preached each night on the meaning of church membership and how a church can develop her program in all her relations. I met with various groups each night for 30 minutes in conference concerning their special task. The Sowards are being well received in the community. There were two added by transfer and one by confession. —C.H.A.

EUGENE PRE-EASTER CAMPAIGN

A spirit and passion of evangelism is sweeping First Christian Church, Eugene, during the current Pre-Easter Campaign. In nine Sundays of evangelistic preaching a total of Seventy-three have been added to the church, thirty-three by confession and baptism. With two more Sundays, Palm Sunday and Easter, it is hoped there may be One Hundred and fifty added for the Easter Season. The attendance goal for Easter Sunday in Bible School is 1,000.

MISSIONARIES SAILING

We do not always have knowledge of the dates when missionaries leave for the foreign fields. But we are always happy to pass on such knowledge as we do have.

We understand that Mr. and Mrs. J. Richard Ewing sailed March 29th, to join Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Sanders in Goiaz, Brazil. They were scheduled to sail at 4 P.M., on that date.

After completing an 8-month tour of the churches, during which all their living-link support is said to have been promised, the Stanley Buttrays are making final preparations to join the Church of Christ Cunningham Mission in Tokyo, Japan. They are booked to sail from San Francisco, April 11th, on the USS Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Still, who returned from Japan in 1948, due to Mrs. Still's illness, are leaving the work in the Sunnyslope church, Phoenix, Arizona, for Hawaii. Brother Still established the Sunnyslope congregation. During the seventeen months of the congregation's life, 84 persons have been added, of whom 63 remain in the

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It Is Possible To Decrease Your Taxable Income

A recent communication from the Treasury Department, Washington D. C., states that upon the evidence presented by the Oregon Christian Missionary Convention they are of the opinion that we are exempt from Federal income tax. Contributions made to State Missions are deductable by the donors in computing their taxable net income. Bequests, legacies, devises or transfers to our use are deductable in arriving at the value of the net estate of a descendent for estate tax purposes. Gifts of property to us are deductable in computing net gifts for gift tax purposes.

No doubt, within the state of Oregon there are many who would like to have their estate work for the Lord after they have gone on from this life. Why not remember the Oregon Christian Missionary Convention in your will? Make a memorial gift for some of the needed improvements at Turner, or Cove grounds. If you are interested in evangelism and the establishing of new churches make a gift to this cause. You can make your money and your property work for the Lord long after you are gone if you see to it before it is too late. Mr. Addleman, the state secretary, will be glad to council with you about this and explain it further.

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Notice: Items for the Oregon Christian should reach the editor's desk not later than the 1st day of the month to insure publication.

The State Secretary-Director's Diary

I visited and preached at Odell and held a conference with the Board; preached at Englewood, Portland; brought the Week of Compassion message at Tillamook; held a two weeks church development meeting at Burns; preached 16 sermons and held 8 conferences with church groups. There were three added by transfer and one by confession. I attended two committee meetings; attended the State Ninety and Nine conference in Salem; the directors meeting of the Oregon Council of Churches; also a meeting of the council's Strategy committee; visited the Parkrose evangelistic meeting; held a conference at Baker with some of the ministers setting up the summer conference program; the Northwest District Ninety and Nine Rally; the State Board meeting and the Youth Planning Commission in Eugene. I spent nine days in the office and held six office conferences. Traveled 1,519 miles. There were 252 letters mailed from the office.

Missionaries Sailing

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community; and property has been acquired which is valued at $31,000. An indebtedness of approximately $13,000 is being paid in regular monthly installments. The Stills are returning to a work which they began in Hawaii in 1946, before they were permitted to go to Japan. The work has been carried on by Mr. and Mrs. Bob Baird, Misses Ethel Jones and Edith Shimmel, and Mr. and Mrs. William Sprankles. (Mrs. Sprankles is the daughter of Brother and Sister Still). Mr. and Mrs. Sprankles will soon return to the states; since he is in the army and plans to return to the mainland to be discharged and to enter Bible College.—J. Frank Cunningham.

They Could Do It

Do you know that 72 churches in Oregon have made no contribution to State Missions so far this year? If you are one of these churches that is neglecting the evangelism of Oregon it is time you were doing something. Our books close on May 31 so as to have them audited before the convention. We need $4000.00 to balance our budget by May 31. If you believe in evangelism in Oregon, establishing new churches and strengthening weak ones, prove it by your giving. It takes more than talk to do it.

Summer Resort Has Growing New Church

The Christian Church of Seaside had its beginning during the war days. Services were first held in the home of Fred Phebus. Then the group met in an old building located in downtown Seaside, with Elery Parrish as Evangelist. This Building was used about one year. William F. Morse was called as the pastor.

In 1945, two lots were purchased and cleared and work was started on a building. By June, 1946, the congregation moved into the new building even though it was still "in the rough." This building is still not finished. However, each year has shown some progress. For example, in 1948 the living quarters on the second floor were nearly finished. In 1949, the cement floor was poured in the basement. In 1950 a new General Electric boiler was installed to take the place of the war surplus boiler which had proved inadequate and far too expensive to operate. As yet, we have no lawn, no baptistry, and no cement walks to the front entrance.

John Schmid

The church has been receiving $25.00 a month from the Oregon Christian Missionary Convention, and some other outside help, but because of the small congregation of forty active members and the fluctuating population, the church is having a struggle, financially.

Sunday morning attendance is approximately forty. The Sunday evening has increased in attendance from ten to twenty-five during the last six months. The mid-week service averages twenty-two.

John F. Schmid, the pastor since July, 1948, feels the congregation is growing slowly not only in numbers, but also spiritually. A marked increase in the prayer life of some of the members has been seen.

The Seaside church sincerely appreciates the prayers and help given by both individuals and churches. We covet your continued prayers for the Lord's work here.

Dates To Remember

Religious Education Practicum, Northwest Christian College, April 29-May 30.

State Christian Endeavor Convention, Portland, April 27-30.

District Conventions:
- Central Oregon, Redmond, April 23.
- East Oregon, Baker, May 2-3.
- Mid-Columbia, Valley Christian, Hood River, May 7.
- Lane County, Junction City, May 8.
- Willamette, Dallas, May 9.
- Northwest, Gladstone, May 12.
- Coos and Douglas Counties, Myrtle Point, May 17.
- Southern Oregon, Grants Pass, May 18.

Northwest Christian College Commencement Week, June 4-6.

East Oregon Girls' Camp, June 18-24.

State Convention, Turner, June 26-July 2.

West Oregon Young People's Conference, Turner, July 2-9.

Turner Pioneer Camp for Intermediate age, July 9-16.

State Lab School, Salem, July 9-15.

Rural Life Conference, Corvallis, July 11-15.

Turner Girls' Camp, July 16-22.

East Oregon Adult Conference, Cove, July 17-22.

Turner Boys' Camp, July 23-29.

East Oregon Pioneer Camp for Intermediate age, Cove, July 23-30.

East Oregon Young People's Conference, Cove, July 30-August 5.

Crescent Lake Boys' Camp, July 30-August 5.

Wi-Ne-Ma Boys' Camp, July 30-August 5.

Eastern Oregon Boys' Camp, Cove, August 6-12.

Southern Oregon, Oregon Caves Young Peoples' Conference and Pioneer Camp at Grayback, August 6-12.

Southern Oregon Boys' Camp, Grayback, August 13-19.

N. C. C. Notes

The final list is in process of revision, but at this moment it appears there will be some 40 in the graduating class at N.C.C. this year.

Preparation for the Preaching Parliament is keeping staff and faculty members busy in their "spare time".

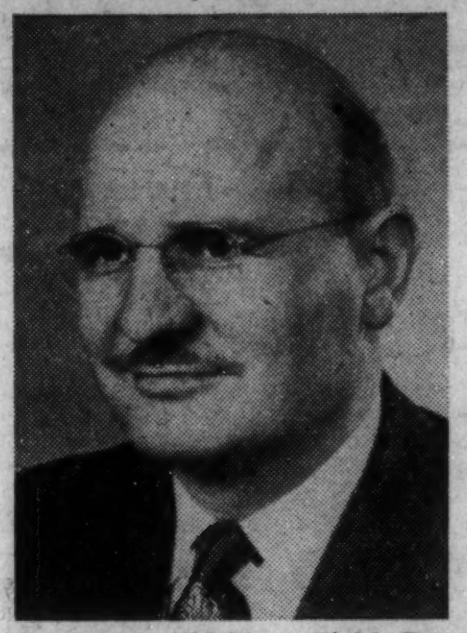
Prof. Richardson is preparing a play for the usual presentation during the commencement season.

During the first two days following the beginning of the demolition of Chapman Hall, the interior of the building was almost stripped. Work is scheduled to be completed within a short time and the ground made ready for new building.

The Building Committee of N.C.C. met with Glenn Stanton, Architect, on March 31, when the plans, nearly completed, were considered and further preparation made for the beginning of new construction.

During the week of April 18-21, Lloyd Newton, pastor of the Christian Church at Ogden, Utah, is scheduled to bring a series of presentations and studies to the N.C.C. students relative to the Church of the Latter Day Saints (Mormons). Lloyd, an Oregon and N.C.C. product, has been exceptionally successful in dealing with the Mormons and is one of the best informed persons about this particular religious group.

Field Representative



Mr. E. M. Eldridge, Field Representative for Northwest Christian College arranged the observance of "N.C.C. Day" which was held on March 26.

Students and faculty members of the College spoke in some seventy Oregon churches in behalf of the College and its needs. Many other congregations observed the day with their own home forces.

Not all results are in yet and the effect of the observance can only be measured in terms of long term results. However, immediate results were exceedingly gratifying. A fuller report will be made in the April issue of the "N.C.C. BULLETIN."

Mr. Eldridge states that plans will be made for a similar observance in 1951. It is probable that the date will be in May of next year. Churches should remember that regular budgeted giving to Northwest Christian College is most helpful and the continuance of the institution is dependent upon regular gifts. "N.C.C. Day" is to inform the churches of the needs which Northwest Christian College has and to give those who do not otherwise participate adequately in its support an opportunity to share directly through giving.

Bible School Has Contest

The work at St. Helens progresses favorably. Approximately 70 persons were at the last Fellowship Dinner in February at which George Oliver Taylor spoke on behalf of the Week of Compassion and the Crusade. Week of Compassion offering taken on the 12th of March amounted to over $86. Record attendance in Bible School due to a contest with Sellwood Christian in Portland. On March 19th the attendance was 174 which was a record for a regular Sunday, exceeded only by some Easter marks of several years ago. This church has been engaged in calling on members and prospects during the month of March. Two students from N.C.C., Kenneth Britt and Dale Sawyer, aided us in evangelistic services the week before Easter. The church has already surpassed its Crusade goal in baptisms and we hope to proceed much further beyond the goal in Easter victories.

GIVE TO STATE MISSIONS

Crusade News

CRUSADING IN BENEVOLENCE

Danny

A HOMELESS CHILD AND A CHRISTIAN HOME

Danny came to a children's home of the National Benevolent Association when he was about two, along with his younger sister. In his little life is wrapped up an inter-racial problem, for his mother is American and his father is Chinese.

When the break-up came in this family, a Christian in the community wrote to at least six Protestant children's homes asking if there was a place of refuge availble for the children. Some did not bother to reply; others said they could do nothing. But the Cleveland Christian Home had an open door and a warm Christian welcome for these two. Here they are responding to Christian love as flowers unfold in the warmth of springtime.

This is the answer to the question sometimes asked: "Is it necessary for a family to be members of a Christian church in order that a child of the family may enter one of our homes?" Of course not! The need of the child is the entrance requirement! The only reason why more children are not given shelter and care in our homes for children is lack of room. Where Danny is more than six hundred were turned away last year because the home was full.

A Crusade for a Christian World is the answer of our churches to those children who look with pleading eyes — even when the voice is stopped by fear. For the Crusade does, of course, include benevolence. The homes already established are to be expanded, and new homes are contemplated, so that other little children like Danny and his sister may find shelter and nurture.

Crusade funds will help strengthen our churches in Japan. Future leaders in both church and government are coming from such outstanding Christian schools as the Margaret K. Long School for Girls, Tokyo; where they are receiving Christian concept of their responsibilities in home and community. More than 700 girls are enrolled. Pictured above is the faculty in the spring of 1949.

Kenneth Johnston, Director

The Third Year Crusade The Last Year FOR A CHRISTIAN WORLD

MEMBERSHIP

'48-'49	28,006
'47-'48	27,165
	841 net membership gain
'48-'49	1510 baptisms — loss of 186
	1848 transfers — loss of 122
	1486 gain in Bible School enrollment

The State Chairman Speaks

Church Members Enter New Business

Who's Kidding Who?

One of the best propaganda campaigns that I know of is being conducted within the ranks of church people. Though unorganized, you find its influence in every congregation. Though it has no paid personnel, secretaries or designated spokesmen, its message is consistently the same wherever it is heard. Though it states no goals, yet it is doing within our own brotherhood in Oregon a business approximating 2½ million dollars annually! What is it? How does it operate? Is it justified?

What Is It?

We might call it the **withholding business.** It withholds desperately needed dollars from **local churches** so that the average congregation is forced into a kindergarten business for the Lord in a University age. It withholds support from our **Bible colleges** making it impossible for them to compete with the standards of tax supported institutions. It withholds funds from **Home** and **Foreign Missions** to the extent that against the forces of Satan we are forced to carry on a guerrilla type of warfare for Christ in contrast to an annual national 15 billion dollar military budget. It withholds bread from the hungry, clothes from the naked, and shelter from the homeless. How rich Satan must feel from the dividends received from his stock in the Christian churches of Oregon!

How Does It Operate?

It knows no respector of Christians. To the sincere Christian its approach is psychological. "Hard times are coming — the church must retrench." "This is no time for launching out, for increasing our vision, enlarging our church program, increasing our support to missions; even though we still say that Christ is the only answer and without Him everything is lost!" "Our people are doing the best they can, we must not press them too hard." "Don't talk too much about money!" So convincing is this argument that many preachers and other church leaders fall victim to it. It appeals to the person who trusts more in material things than in God — encouraging him to withhold tithes and offerings. It appeals to reactionary minds who hold back, or even openly oppose every forward move of the church. As a result we of the Oregon Christian churches are withholding about 2½ million dollars annually in tithes and offerings. This, in a time when every cause for righteousness under heaven is crying out in need!

Is It Justified?

It is not justified from the standpoint of **depression.** Although it is true that some people are periodically unemployed and that the healthy pre-war element of competition has appeared, yet (according to government reports) 1949 was the second best financial year in U. S. history. And only a fraction under the all-time high of '48. The earnings of 565 representative American corporations in 1949 were 20% more than in '47, and 70% more than in '46! The per capita average income for Oregon is still about $1300 annually. Our '49 year book lists 28,000 members — a tithe would be $3,640,000.00. The same year book lists our total giving (both local and missions) at $943,005.68. We are short of the tithe $2,696,994.32. If we allow $196,994.32 (which is generous) for unreported giving we still are 2½ million dollars short.

It is not justified from the point of spending for other things. Taxes take $1 out of every $6. Americans are putting 9 cents out of every dollar into savings. Food, tobacco and alcohol take one-third of the national income. Recreation gets over 10 billion dollars per year. The average smoker spends annually on tobacco almost 2½ times as much as the average church member gives to his church!

Let us, Christians, stop kidding ourselves. God gave us a big job to do and He has given us the resources to do it with. We're in a Crusade for a Christian World. We are making progress but each Christian is needed to thwart the withholding propaganda of Satan. Let us be Crusaders for Christ! **On with the Crusade ! ! !**

WHAT WOULD YOU EXPECT?

Yes, — the children were a problem in that Bible School. They persisted in running around the building during much of the Bible School hour. They made nuisances of themselves when they went after drinks. They came early to Bible School to play tag in the Church sanctuary and leap frog over the shrubbery. They were energetic, likeable children; yet the teacher found it almost impossible to get them to stay in the class room while she read to them from the quarterly and the Bible. The adults agreed that the children were a problem but felt that it was probably because their parents did not go to church. This was a shame, too, because their own children were acting just like those whose parents did not attend. Some of the adults thought it would be wise to send home the children who weren't behaving. There was hardly room for all of them anyway. Yes, — the children were a problem in that school — and for several good reasons.

LEIGHTON DASHIELL, CHAIRMAN, BIBLE SCHOOL ENLARGEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE CRUSADE

Several Good Reasons

That church had not provided a means for training its teachers in the fundamentals of good teaching! Teachers were doing the best they knew how, yet were unable to cope with the task. A few had had a training course, yet that church had not provided for further improvements in the work. It had never occured to the church that its teachers might be willing to attend teacher training classes, Laboratory schools, and Workshops if their two or three dollar registration fee and transportation were provided. The Superintendent didn't know what to do and the minister was so busy he could hardly be expected to help.

The Church had very few teacher-training books which could be used and no systematic plan for the use of the ones they had. It required little of its teachers and they, in return, required very little of their pupils. Regular attendance did not seem to be necessary even though much was said about being regular in attendance. **Many teachers** were even irregular in attendance and would often fail to appear without any warning whatsoever. Lesson quarterlies were provided but the teachers were not required to follow them.

A Look In The Cupboard

An examination of cupboards showed many quarterlies unused. Folks talked a lot about being punctual, but aside from the janitor and one or two others no one else took the matter seriously, except a few children whose parents did not come. These were the children who enjoyed coming early to play tag, hide and seek, and leap frog in the church. Teachers and officers seldom met in full force to plan an effective work for the church. Home participation in Bible School education was unheard of and not required by teachers who seldom knew parents of their class members. Class members were more punctual than were their teachers and superintendents.

Some teachers liked to have class members bring Bibles, but that hardly seemed necessary where Bibles were used so seldom. Offerings were usually taken every Sunday, yet very little was done to encourage systematic, proportionate giving. Most folks gave as the spirit led them; yet few of them realized that there was barely room for the children to get in the Bible School rooms and that missionaries were being called home because of insufficient funds to maintain or expand either a suitable building or an adequate missionary project.

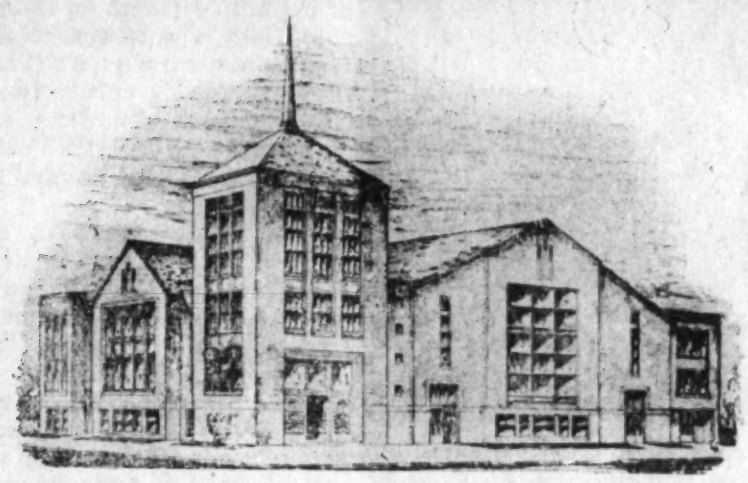
No Provisions

Yes, that church had a problem! Lack of foresight had led them to the very brink of disaster; even though the building was full to overflowing. Few people had any concept of the immensity of the task before them in their rapidly growing community. They were not aware of the fact that for every **one** who attended there were at least **two** more who should be attending. No provision was being made to serve anyone except themselves; yet they could not be called selfish because they were willing to share the story of Christ with those who would come. No provision was being made for reaching out to the many in the community that needed only a friendly, sincere invitation to come and share in a God-given opportunity.

Yes — the children in that church are not only a problem now, but will continue to be a problem until each member of that church accepts his responsibility in planning a program that will (1) reach its constituency, (2) train its teaching staff, (3) require accomplishments of its pupils, (4) provide a graded curriculum and (5) win every scholar to Christ. Let us strive to be worthy of the name "Christian" as we plan programs that meet each of these needs!

Evangelism Then And Now

BY C. F. SWANDER



The Crusade for a Christian World will close June 30. That will mark the end of a three year special program of evangelism and missionary work. But it did not **begin** in 1947; nor will it **end** in 1950. It began in Oregon in 1846, and it will not end until time shall end.

Since the beginning of our work in Oregon, evangelism has exhibited three different phases of effort. First, there was the period when men literally "went everywhere preaching the Word." There was no program, nor little cooperation between evangelists. They preached in private homes, in barns, in schoolhouses, and even under arbors made with boughs of the trees. Churches multiplied; sinners sought the Lord; and great was the rejoicing.

The second period (no exact dates can be placed between periods) was characterized by two things; Strong churches called nationally known evangelists and meetings with 100 or more additions were frequent; and the State Board employed evangelists for smaller churches who could not afford to employ the "big guns." At first the eloquence and hortatory powers of the evangelist were depended upon for results. But there gradually grew up the idea of a "prospect list," upon which the pastor and evangelist did all the calling. Great results have come from these efforts.

The third period (and this is of more recent date) is characterized chiefly by the introduction of the use of lay people in the calling upon prospects. It is called, visitation evangelism. Marvelous results have come from this effort as many churches can testify.

The purpose of this article is not to review methods of evangelism, nor to evaluate those methods, but to bring to light the growth that has taken place in this work. Every method has its strong points; doubtless its weak points, too; but each being used as God gives us ability to use them will build the kingdom of God. Doubtless in the future new methods will come to light. Wideawake evangelists and pastors will keep their eyes open, evaluate them as they appear, and use them as they are useable. No method has a patent on it.

Development in the methods of evangelism has made necessary development in types of church building. It is a long expanse from the old one-room church at Eola on the banks of the Willamette River west of Salem to a modern house equipped for worship, preaching, education, recreation, fellowship, etc., such as has been recently completed at Mallory Avenue, in Portland, and is now under construction for First Church in Salem.

Let us not forget that we are growing. The Crusade for a Christian World has given a mighty impetus to that growth, and we must not let it die when the special program ceases, June 30, 1950.

New Building For Mabashi

A recent letter from Grace Farnham, of the Mabashi Mission, in Tokyo, Japan, states that construction has begun on the house of worship of the Mabashi Church. The church, which had been meeting in Grace's home, will be able to do a much more effective work, when the building is complete.

Among those attending the service marking the beginning of construction were Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Duncan, former missionaries to Tibet, now with the Occupation; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Taylor, missionaries recently come to Japan from West China; and Captain and Mrs. Richardson, with the American Army, formerly from the Court Street Church in Salem.

The auditorium of the new building will seat about 100, with a side room which can be opened for larger meetings. The cost of the building will be approximately $3000, of which about $2000 was on hand at the time of writing, February 20th. The balance must be on hand by the time the building is completed about May 1st.

Grace writes: "Japanese Christians will provide the church furniture, but it is difficult for them to do more now. Remember that Japan's cities burned—not only their factories and business houses but their homes, schools and churches. A number of our members live either with relatives or in barracks. They appreciate all that you have done for them. This is your opportunity to give many more an opportunity to hear the gospel." (J.F.C.)

127 Men At Lebanon

The South Willamette District Ninety and Nine Men's Brotherhood met at Lebanon on March 27 for their bimonthly rally with Dudley Strain of the First Christian Church in Salem as guest speaker. Details of the program have not reached your reporter, but from previous occasions we can safely state that it was super. Treasurer Martin Farlee sent in $240 toward the ongoing of the state projects. E.P.D.

ALASKA CHRISTIANS

Mrs. Earl C. Chandler and Mrs. Rosie Campbell of Ketchican, Alaska, are still available for a few dates before returning to Alaska. Mrs. Campbell is a native of Alaska. They can be reached at 505 S. E. 16th, Portland, Oregon.

The Urgency Of Evangelism

In the eighth chapter of Acts the urgent call of evangelism is dramatically portrayed for us in the story of Phillip who preached to the Ethiopian eunuch as they travelled the road from Jerusalem to Gaza. The Spirit had spoken to Phillip, calling him to a desert road. As a chariot moved along the dusty highway the Spirit again spoke to him and urged that he "go up and join this chariot". One of the remarkable things about this remarkable story is the action of Phillip — **"he ran to him".** Nowhere else do we find the urgency of evangelism so vividly portrayed as in this passage of scripture.

The world is desperately in need of the glad, good tidings we have of Jesus Christ. The decision between life and destruction may well be determined in the next decade by the Christian response to the Spirit's urgent call for evangelism. Will we take up the task? Here in Oregon we are faced with a tremendous responsibility. According to figures released by Gov. Douglas McKay, at the annual meeting of the Oregon Council of Churches, held in Forest Grove last January, there has been a 59.3% increase in population in the state in the past ten years. This more than equals the increase enjoyed by Oregon in the previous forty years. The thing that gives us concern is that in this same ten year period the church has increased its membership a scant 9%. That doesn't look like we have been running to do the Spirit's bidding, does it?

Dr. Carroll C. Roberts

Now, what are we going to do about it?

FIRST — Let every church, every preacher, and all church men and church women hear the urgent call for evangelism and determine that "under God" they will do something to change the picture. Every church should become evangelistic and plan a definite program of evangelism. Every minister should get on fire with the spirit and passion of evangelism and seek to lead the church into a planned program of evangelism. Church men and women should pray and prepare to become personal evangelists and help carry forward the evangelistic program of the church.

SECOND — The churches, the preachers, the church men and women, being committed to the need of evangelism, the next step is to adopt a program and plan to carry it out in an aggressive manner. There are several projects now being presented and if promoted will help the workers to achieve worthy goals. A strong evangelistic committee should be set up, which will be representative of every group and phase of church life, to plan and direct a year-around program of evangelism.

THIRD — Select the program or project that is most needed and seems to possess the most possibilities for success. Here are a few: (1) The National Christian Training Mission, which is a united Protestant strategy for a community-wide program of Christian action; (2) The Church School Enlargement Program, which is a brotherhood modified plan taken from the N.C.T.M. and designed for a local church; (3) A Visitation Evangelism Campaign, which is a logical and natural follow-up on the above two projects; (4) The Continuous or Sunday-by-Sunday program of evangelism through strong gospel preaching and consecrated personal work; and (5) The Evangelistic Meeting or Revival, where either the preacher does his own preaching or calls in a neighboring pastor who can present the gospel in a forceful manner.

FOURTH — After carefully studying the plans and methods now being presented and promoted, adopt the one best suited to your needs and resources, then let the church, the minister, and the church men and women unite wholeheartedly in carrying it forward to success. Evangelism is the whole task of the whole church.

The writer believes in using all the above plans and has had signal success in each. The Teaching Mission provides splendid techniques for discovering the Evangelistic Potential for a church and demonstrates how the fellowship of the "open service and study groups" of the church can be harnessed for the total evangelistic task. It also provides the church and its organization with a "Responsibility List" which is often as large as the present membership roll. It also furnishes a plan through "Fellowship Cultivation" for reaching these folk who are now lost to the church and the Kingdom of God. Visitation Evangelism is a proven method of evangelism. It is New Testament in its plan and approach. Jesus and the early church used it with great success. In our day it is being used with increasing effectiveness and is of value to the church in mobilizing its manpower for evangelism. Men and women are learning that the power of God can and does work through them and they are thrilled with joy as they witness for Christ and record their victories in decisions and transfers of membership. Referring to Continuous Evangelism, there is nothing that lifts a Christian Church congregation quite like Sunday-to-Sunday responses to the invitation. Any preacher who is alive to his possibilities, and not afraid of hard work, can win at least one person a week. That would be 52 in a year. If he is alert and intent on the task he can train from one to twenty others and thus double his effectiveness in evangelism. The Revival or Evangelistic Meeting has been an institution among Disciples of Christ and in the past has been used with great success. Preaching Missions for teaching the cardinal truths of Christianity are essential and are valuable for indoctrinating new converts.

Let us use every good and proven method, but, above all, let us evangelize. "Preach the Word, be urgent in season and out of season." The church must advance — it is the only safe direction for the church to go in these crucial days.

Officers Installed

Installation of the 1950 officers of the Yamhill District Ninety and Nine Men's Brotherhood was conducted by Frank Cunningham at the district rally held in Willamina on March 20. The men installed were Arnold Ledbetter of McMinnville, president; J. A. Newton of Willamina, vice-president; L. M. Kaufman of Sheridan, secretary-treasurer; and Frank Zook of Sheridan, pastor-adviser.

A total of 76 men enjoyed the fine turkey dinner furnished by the Willamina sisterhood. Special music was provided by Marilyn Metzger, soprano soloist; a high school girls' trio consisting of Mavis and Carol Pearson and Kay Shetterly; and the Willamina men's quartet, Vern Huddleston, Alan Beck, Garland Huddleston, and Vic Emmons.

Ken Stuart, president of the Willamina men, served as master of ceremonies. Vic Emmons, outgoing president, conducted the business meeting preceding the installation of the new officers. Frank Zook brought the evangelistic message of the evening. The next meeting will be held at Yamhill on May 15 and a meeting of the local presidents with the district officers will be held at Yamhill during April. Secretary-treasurer Kaufman forwarded a check for $335 to the state treasury to bring the district well up on its 1949-50 goal.— E.P.D.

MEN SHARE

As in past years, the Ninety and Nine Men will be privileged to share in several regular sessions of the annual church convention at Turner, as well as to conduct four meetings of special interest for men. At 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 1, the members of the executive board will meet on the grounds with any men who wish, invited to sit in on the meeting. A stewardship presentation by Mark Rutherford, nationally known men's worker, will be a part of the regular afternoon session of the convention and will be followed by a presentation of the 1950 camps by Dallas Meserve, evangelist and camp director sponsored by the men.

In the intermission following the afternoon program some of the men will have opportunity to engage in softball and at 4:15 p.m. the outdoor men's prayer meeting will be held in the rustic chapel west of Centennial lodge. The annual banquet and a short business meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. and will feature Norman Nelson, boy speaker selected at the 1949 Ninety and Nine convention. He will bring a short talk on camp values.

At 7:30 p. m. the men's chorus will bring special numbers and a surprise feature will be provided before the sermon on evangelism by Mark Rutherford. As guest speaker at the Dallas Men's Institute in 1949, Mark is already well known to many Oregon men for his evangelistic zeal. Tentative plans have been made for him to remain in the state the week following the convention and further announcement will be made in the May "Oregon Christian."

Dallas Meserve will be the teacher of the great men's Bible class on July 2. Men who have not met or heard him in his evangelistic work have a treat in store. Other details concerning the men's part in the convention will be published as plans are perfected. Circle July 1 and 2 with your red pencil!— E.P.D.

Northwest Christian Home

MARY E. PHILLIPS, SUPERINTENDENT RAY C. SMITH, AREA REPRESENTATIVE

First it was crocuses, now it is beautiful red tulips and various colored hyacinths, a little later it will be geraniums, marigolds and azalias that will bring pleasure to the eyes of all who visit or pass by the Home. The lawn came through the severe winter in good condition and is now a beautiful and restful green. Two major building projects are receiving the attention of the board of supervisors, namely the painting of our building and enlargment of our facilities to enable us to care for all of those on the growing waiting list.

While some money is already available for building purposes, taking in a larger family will require a larger staff and other increases in operating costs, but there is sufficient interest manifested to warrant the expansion. In our area as well as in all benevolent areas, this last year has witnessed the largest new church building program ever experienced in our brotherhood, which has drawn heavily on the resources of the churches, besides large sums paid in on the Crusade for a Christian World. These worthy and unusual calls have caused a reduction in our income, but not in any way discouraging.

Among visitors at the Home during March were Miss Gertrude Shoemaker who gave an interesting talk on her work in the Belgian Congo Missions; Mrs. Earl Chandler and Mrs. Rosie Campbell of Ketchikan, Alaska; and a large group of Juniors from the Newberg church who presented a Sunday afternoon program. Sunday morning chapel services have been furnshed by a group from Portland Central Church, Oscar Cooper and singers from Vancouver, Gene Chamberlain of the Southeast church, Portland, and Donald Booher, student pastor at University Homes church.

Mrs. Ruth Burgitt celebrated her 92nd birthday March 18th, and was a guest of honor at Kern Park Christian Church on Sunday, the 19th, then was guest of the Arnetts and Lamberts of that church in the afternoon. Mrs. Burgitt received 105 greeting cards which were very much appreciated, and she wants to say thanks to all her friends. She also said that answering them all personally was too big a job for her, so wanted this word published in this column.

Mrs. Hattie McColm was passed up in error last month, but her birthday was March 10th and she, too, received many expressions of well wishing and a birthday cake was cut in her honor, with the musical cake stand playing "Happy Birthday to you". Other birthdays coming up soon are these: Mrs. Anna Abel, April 1, 1873; Mrs. Ella Peters, April 17, 1863; Mrs. Emma Wilt, April 25, 1863; Mrs. Martha Bittinger, May 13, 1868; Mrs. George Keiler, May 29, 1860. Mrs. Keiler has been failing recently, but all others are in good health.

Pictures were taken by Dr. Carlson of the NBA of our working staff and also of the Board of Supervisors. Cuts will be made of them and they will be printed in the next issue of "The Visitor" due to be published in April.

Central Men Plan

Following the midweek service on March 2 the Ninety and Nine Men of the Portland Central Christian Church met for a business meeting at the call of President Gainer. After an opening statement from the president, a report of the planning committee was presented by Art Bailey. After a discussion period the recommendations resolutions were approved regarding their adoption. Ron Hoffman was selected to head a calling program thru the men. Short statements on the state work were given by Dallas Meserve, field evangelist, and Ed Dewees, field secretary.— E.P.D.

Nyssa

The Nyssa, Oregon church concluded a meeting with the Heralds of Christ, Dallas and Leanna Meserve on February 26th. The church was encouraged, strengthened and enlarged. Seven were added by statement and three by baptism. The attendance since the first of the year is nearly 50% above the average for the same time last year. Don Maxfield, pastor.

Lyman Speaks

Harold Lyman, minister of the Salem Court Street Church, brought a great challenge from the Sermon on the Mount, to the 240 men of the Northwest District of the Ninety and Nine at the Portland First Christian Church on March 27. "Do It Right" was the theme of the message directed to every phase of Christian living as taught and exemplified by the Master.

A well-executed time schedule governed the evening from the serving of the splendid steak dinner by the ladies of the First Church to the 9:30 benediction. (By the way, the ladies planned to turn in any surplus over the cost of the dinner to the district treasury. Thanks!) Art Bailey led singing with Mrs. Miller, organist of the host church, accompanying. Mr. David Johnson of the First Church sang two soloes, also accompanied by Mrs. Miller. Host pastor, Myron Cole, gave the opening prayer.

In the roll call period, Kern Park took the honors with 38 present and Central Christian and St. Johns followed closely with 36 each. In a new roll call wrinkle each group counted the number of men visiting their first district rally, St. Johns leading with six. We commend this idea as worthy of use by other districts and also by local groups. Let's go after that "other" man.

Dr. C. R. Beatty of Kern Park, Bruce Saunders of St. Johns and I. M. Gainer of Central gave short talks on methods and results of visitation evangelism. Roy Rice announced that Mallory Avenue boys had won the title and possession of the basketball trophy for 1950. He asked for help in getting a softball league underway for the summer. Floyd Shaw, president, announced that the May 22 rally would be the annual father-son meeting, place to be announced later. Howard Cole pronounced the benediction.— E.P.D.

Christian Radio Mission To Japan

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Bills have been looking forward to the establishment of a Radio Mission in China. However, that field was closed to them by the Communist conquest. Consequently they accepted a call to the West Amarillo (Texas) Christian Church; but only on an ad-interim basis, believing that the Lord still wanted them on the mission field.

Now, what seems to be an even greater opportunity has opened its doors in Japan. A new law, soon to go into effect, will permit private ownership of radio stations. "This", says brother Bills, "will mean many small stations all over the land on which we can release Gospel programs as well as make possible our own station later. We must take advantage of this opportunity now."

The West Amarillo Church is taking the living-link support of the whole Bills family. The families of the Osaka (Japan) Mission, with which the Bills family will be closely associated, according to present expectations, have offered every assistance. The Occupation Forces will not permit entrance into Japan until a home has been secured. Harold Cole, of the Osaka Mission is said to have offered to supervise the purchase of land and construction of a house. The land and building is expected to cost about $6000. Passage for the family, and freight, will cost about $2000 more. Brother and Sister Bills and family are ready to go as soon as this can be secured.

Any one interested in this work can address "Mr. and Mrs. V. Alex Bills, Christian Radio Mission, 804 Mississippi. Amarillo, Texas."— J.F.C.

HERALDS OF CHRIST

There were three added to the Detroit Church by baptism in the March revival held there by Dallas and Leanna Meserve. Attendance was good throughout the meeting with a fine Crusader group of grade school children present for the afternoons.

On Friday, March 24, the team started for Junction City to begin a meeting on the 26th to run thru April 16. Once again their trailer home took up the evangelistic trek towed behind a spanking new 1950 Chevrolet. Dallas suggests that it takes a good man to afford to be an evangelist, what with the final payment being made on the trailer just in time to allow payments to begin on the car. Let all good men of the Ninety and Nine do their part to keep salary and expense support up to date so that this consecrated couple can afford to keep up their labors in this field. They go to Sisters beginning April 23 thru May 14. Enterprise follows, May 28-June 11 to complete the spring schedule.— E. P.D.

Mount Vernon Church

The Mount Vernon Church of Christ, a new Church still in its formative state, is being built in one of the fastest growing industrial areas of Oregon. The Christians in this community are buying an acre of ground in a fine location just three miles from the heart of Springfield. On this ground, a thirty by fifty pumice stone block building is being erected with the help of the Lane County Convention of the Churches of Christ and the men of the Ninety and Nine movement.

For several years students of Northwest Christian College have held Sunday School in the Mount Vernon School House. This work was being carried on under the leadership of Floyd Councilman, the present minister, when it was learned that the Weyerhauser Timber Company was negotiating for a mill site. Immediately the Churches of Lane County began consideration of the possibility of a Church in the area.

The project has had a slow but steady growth and is showing great promise of soon becoming a well established church.

Beginning as a Sunday School with an average attendance of sixteen in 1946, the group met in the School House. Today they are meeting in a tent on their own property with an average attendance of around thirty-five in Sunday School and about twenty-four in Sunday morning Church service. In addition, Mount Vernon enjoys an evening service as well as Mid-Week Bible Study and Prayer Service.

Since April 26, 1948 there have been nine baptisms. A much greater number could have been reached if there had been a full time man on the field.

EUGENE STUDENT HOUSE

Eugene Christian House is now one year old, having been opened on April first of last year. In honor of the occasion, a large Birthday Party for the House was sponsored by the students and by the adult committee. Students who spoke included Sherman Holmes, last year's president who is now president of the Campus Religious Council, and Imogene Spurgeon, secretary, who reviewed highlights of the year's activities. Musical numbers were provided by Wah Chung, Mary Sadler, Patty Hartley, Elois Mortimore, and Mary Holmer. Dr. Victor P. Morris spoke, and the prayer for the future of the House was brought by Wm. Terbeek, and one from the national office of Student Work was read. A distinguished guest of Presbyterian affiliation was so impressed he has offered to buy half the much-needed stair carpet if some one will give the other half! Miss Martha Goodrich had charge of the serving, and Mark Van Voorhis, presided.

On St. Patrick's Day the married students had a most delightful potluck dinner and fellowship. They are making plans for the future, and are eagerly working toward reaching an ever-widening circle of their constituency.

A joint executive meeting with Corvallis officers was held early in the month, and a joint retreat for mid-April is planned. Both Houses are eagerly anticipating the visit of Miss Margaret Long from Indianapolis the last day of April. The Eugene group are hoping all the ministers who will be at the Northwest Preachers' Parliament will visit Christian House. While special hours will be suggested at the Parliament, the House extends a cordial invitation to drop by any hour of the day or in the evening. G. Hayden Stewart of Seattle who is national president for the Student Work Directors' Association will make a brief explanation of student work, during the Parliament.

We wish to extend to all mothers of U. of O. or N.C.C. students a most cordial invitation to the Mother's Breakfast which will be held on Mother's Day. To all of you, we say a word of welcome hoping you will visit Christian House whenever you are in the vicinity of Eugene. —Dulcina B. Elliott, director.

Grants Pass Men Organize

Men of the Grants Pass Church met on February 27 to organize a local Ninety and Nine Men's Brotherhood. LaVern Munt, president of the Southern District of the Ninety and Nine, opened the meeting by outlining the objectives and program of the group. He presided during the nomination and election of a president with Roy Henry being selected for that office. Mr. Henry proceeded with the election and Joe Stoy was chosen as vice-president; Bond Eliason as secretary; and Marvin Reid as treasurer. It was further voted that the officers should serve for the calendar year and that the last Monday of the month should be the regular meeting night.

The April 24 district rally at Ashland was announced and C. A. Eide described the 1949 Boys' Camp at Grayback. It was reported that $60.00 was already on hand toward support of the 1950 camp. Plans were made to underwrite a portion of the district goal for the state budget. Mr. Stoy offered to serve as permanent chairman of the program committee. The benediction was offered by Mr. Munt.

DISTRICT MEETS

A district convention under the auspices of the Board of the Oregon Christian Missionary Convention working together with the Women's state Board, will be held in each district beginning April 23 and ending May 18. Conference time is arranged for the women during which materials, planning conferences, Christian Women's Fellowship will be presented and reports given. Miss Gertrude Shoemaker, Missionary speaker will bring messages at Baker, May 2-3; Hood River, May 7; Junction City, May 8; Dallas, May 9; Gladstone, May 12. Mrs. Ola Smith, state president and other state officers will be assisting with the programs. Choose the most convenient place and date for you, then plan to be there. —E.L.B.

Plans Laid

Plans are going forward rapidly for the state convention program at Turner, June 26 — July 2. We are very fortunate this year in that both Mrs. Grace Hendricks, Tokyo missionary and Miss Gertrude Shoemaker, Belgian Congo missionary will be with us. These women are well known and much loved in Oregon. Both will be speaking to the Womens' classes and on the convention program. Last but not least, Miss Edith Eberle, Director of Sales Literature for the United Christian Missionary Society, whose genial smile and disposition, bring cheer to our hearts, will be present to tell about books and help with classes. In addition to these three, there will be many other interesting speakers and features at this year's convention. The complete program will appear in the May issue. Watch for it.

Education In Oregon

The Christian Education Committee of our churches in Oregon endeavors to plan and help administer educational projects in the areas of greatest need within our churches. Children's work, young people's educational projects, and adult needs all fall within the scope of this committee's assignment and the work in these areas is handled by separate committees of workers whose interest and training particularly fits them for their assignments. There are about 25 persons who give of their time voluntarily and regularly for committee work, plus a host of others who help with specific projects.

I. THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WORKSHOP has become one of the most profitable ventures which the Committee has sponsored. National and state leaders participate in this 3-day leadership educational project which is planned for every age group within the Church. This year's Workshop has been scheduled for the fall at Salem.

Dudley Strain

II. FIELD WORKERS have been secured from time to time on a short time basis. Miss Ruth Towne, of Texas Christian University, spent six weeks in the various churches of the state during the past summer and is scheduled for another six-week period this summer. Plans are underway to secure an intermediate worker and a specialist in leadership training for short terms within the very near future.

III. ADULT WORK has suffered because of inadequate leadership in this field, but an extended program of adult work is being set up at the present time. The classes which are held each morning of the State Convention constitute our Adult Conference and are planned by the Education Committee. An eastern Oregon adult conference is planned for this year, and Family Camps and Educational Institutes for Church Officers are being studied for the adult area of this committee's work.

IV. YOUTH WORK, planned and administered by the recently re-organized Youth Committee, and headed by Mrs. Walter Naff, was reported in a recent issue of the Oregon Christian. This committee's work is co-ordinated with that of the other age-level groups through the Christian Education Committee.

V. CHILDRENS WORK in the state is headed by Mrs. Marjorie Moshier and a capable corp of children's workers. Laboratory training schools, which have become one of the most valuable training sessions for teachers, are now annual projects of the Children's Work Committee. This year's Laboratory Training School will be held at the First Christian Church in Salem. Visits to local churches for purposes of training local leaders has been one of the most valuable voluntary services of this group. The co-ordination of other children's projects with this group's work, such as the Religious Education Practicum sponsored by Northwest Christian College, has been a part of the work which Mrs. Moshier has undertaken.

The Christian Education Committee of the state is charged with the responsibility of helping any church in Oregon in its program of "teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you". Suggestions from churches or church officers or ministers about needs in specific areas will be welcomed.

For Others

On March 16, the Salem First church Women's Council observed the beginning of a period of Pre-Easter sacrificial giving. Envelopes with the words "For Others," Matt. 25:31-46 were at each plate; also empty cups. During the month, the women placed in the envelope their offering which was brought to the April meeting and put into the cups that others might have the necessities of life. An appropriate devotional service was conducted by Mrs. Nina Reilly. Several members of the Executive Committee of the Women's State Board, meeting in business session at the Salem church that day, were special guests. —E.L.B.

Klamath Falls Council

Recently the Women's Council of the Klamath Falls Church, were hostesses for a lovely Japanese luncheon. Japanese lanterns, imitation Japanese Cherry trees and favors were used in decorating the dining room. The menu consisted of kinds of food common in Japan, the main item, canned salmon, being furnished by the White Swan Indian Mission. The proceeds from the luncheon were sent to the Mission. About 50 women were present. Mrs. Edna Burke of Eugene, was guest speaker, stressing the opportunities for missionary work in Japan and the great need for more workers. —E.L.B.

Honored Guest

Mrs. Grace Hendricks, state president of the Oregon Christian Women's Missionary Society from 1937-41, was guest of honor at a dinner meeting held in the Youth Lounge of the First church, Portland, March 21. Mrs. Nellie Inman and Mrs. Helen Neely of Mallory Avenue church, were hostesses. These two, together with the guests, comprised the Women's State Board at the time Mrs. Hendricks was president. Present were: Mrs. Hendricks, Tokyo, Japan; Mrs. Gertrude Mossberger and Mrs. Phila Murphy, First church, Portland; Mrs. Grace Bennett and Mrs. Nettie Fishburn, Kern Park church, Portland; Mrs. Nellie Inman and Mrs. Helen Neely, Mallory Avenue church, Portland; Mrs. Jennie Murphy, Springfield; Mrs. Frances Hyland, Eugene First church. Mrs. Lila Leavitt, Florence, Oregon, was unable to attend.

The S. S. Oregon Goes

The United Christian Missionary Society has faced a difficult problem, and announces with regret the decision to sell the **S. S. Oregon** to the highest bidder. For 40 years this boat has been an integral part of the mission staff for Belgian Congo. She outranks all missionaries now on the field in length of service. For 30 years her captain has been John Inkima, faithful custodian of "The Good News", as she was known, and the evangelist to those who gathered along the river banks when he tied up for the night. However, Congo is following the pattern of the Western world in pushing a program of road building which is gradually bringing the outposts of the colony closer together. The drastic reduction afforded in travel time for itineration to the villages has shown the wisdom of providing motor vehicles for transportation. In 1949, she was in dry dock for some weeks for the very expensive operation of replacing the bottom of the hull. Then, before the state inspector of Navigation for the Belgian government would allow her to return to service, additional repairs to cost from $15,000 to $20,000 were required. This would have placed an intolerable burden on the Mission. —E.L.B.

Corvallis Student House

The month of March produced considerable improvement in the physical appearance at Christian House in Corvallis. With the chairmanship of Merl Watts of Eugene, crews of students worked in the basement every Saturday, putting up ceiling board and painting the walls and ceiling. The added space will be used for a small chapel, lounge, and snack corner, work room for poster making, and some recreational equipment.

During the vacation week, the stairwell to the dormitory was painted and the stairs carpeted. A general cleanup has made the house spic and span for the Spring term. Anyone interested in our Christian Student work at Oregon State College is invited to visit the House anytime. The address is 2305 Monroe Street.

Central Point

One added by baptism during March. Two new Life Work Recruits bring the total for this congregation to seven. Southern Oregon Christian Service Camps will meet at Fir Point again this year, the last two weeks of July. L. H. Camp, pastor.

The Dalles

N.C.C. Day observed with six young men from the College in the service. There has been good church attendance every Sunday morning, with four confessions during March. Friendly Visitation carried on by the membership during the month, with Personal evangelistic teams going out the week preceding Easter Sunday. On Mareh 9, the First promised amount of $10,000.00 was given by husband and wife. Plans are to raise a sizeable amount during the twelve month period. The badly needed new building is getting closer by the week.

ROSEBURG:

Bible School averaged 503 for March which was the biggest average we have ever had except Easter month in 1949 when we averaged 513. Six added during the month.

Rural Life Sunday, April 30

Beaverton

The Beaverton Church of Christ is rejoicing in the harvest of souls for the months of February and March. There have been 14 added by Christian baptism and 4 by transfer of membership. The church has just purchased a good motion picture projector which will be used for visual Christian education. A fine new parsonage was completed last fall. The pastor, George W. Springer, is in the 15th year of his ministry to the Beaverton Church.

Gladstone

Beginning Sunday March 26th at the evening service the Tan Ditters will conduct a two week Easter Evangelistic Campaign ending Easter Sunday. The Oregon City church of Christ and the Gladstone Church of Christ will go together at the Gladstone Church for an Easter Sunrise Service and an Easter Breakfast. In the past few months our Cradle Roll Department has enrolled 21 new babies. Mrs. S. H. Rankin is our Cradle Roll Supt. Wilbur Rolla Hensley, pastor.

Youth Attend Commission

"The Vision of Open Doors" was not only the theme but the experience of those Oregon youth and their leaders who attended the annual Youth Planning Commission in Eugene, March 31 — April 1. Speakers who highlighted the program were: Gene Robinson, LaGrande; John Stone, Canby; William Piper, Grants Pass; and Mrs. K. C. Hendricks, Tokyo, Japan. Commissions covering the various phases of youth work were led by Donald Payne, Loma Mae Jones, Edna L. Burke, Dr. Carroll Roberts, Bill Terbeek, Dr. Ross J. Griffeth, Dulcina Elliott and Walter Naff. Each adult leader was assisted by a youth who has served this year on the State Youth Committee: Ruth Newton, North Bend; Donna Plymale, Lebanon; Joan Daniels, Eugene; Bill Pifer, Hillsboro.

A group of nine came as far as from Ontario and a good delegation from Pendleton also indicated the far-reaches of the fellowship of Christian youth in Oregon. Among other churches represented were Turner, Canby, Silverton, Medford, Bend, Corvallis, Salem First, Forest Grove, Eugene First, Newport, North Bend, Lebanon, Hillsboro, Holley, Grants Pass, Milwaukie, Portland Mallory, Portland Kern Park, Dallas, Springfield, Sweet Home, Harrisburg. Over 125 youth attended the sessions.

The ladies of the Eugene First Church prepared bounteous meals and Dick Merriman of N.C.C. led the song services. Youth of Eugene First Church decorated the tables with Japanese motif for the Saturday night banquet where Bill Pifer served as Master of Ceremonies, and Roberta Piper, Mary Sadler, and Dorene Erickson furnished special music and readings.

Each Commission took as its project the year-round program of youth in all phases of its activity throughout the state, emphasizing missionary education and giving for each local youth group. Eugene youth and the Service Commission presented dramas featuring Christian World Friendship Fund, the channel by which Christian Church youth may share in the work of Brotherhood missions at home and abroad.

Our hope and prayer is that each local church will profit by the information and inspiration which your youth received. Your Churches have a right to be proud of the cooperation and Christian spirit manifest by the delegations who were present at the Commission.

Rose Mary Naff, Chairman
State Youth Committee

Woodburn

In the past eighteen months there have been 44 additions, with interest growing continually. Many substantial improvements have been made to the church building. Missionary offerings have more than doubled. Two of our splendid young men from the College, Don Jones and Howard Wood, are ably assisting in our music, young people's work, and evening service. D. D. Priest, minister.

Spring Concert Held

The Annual Spring Concert will be held at the Mallory Avenue Church on April 28th at 8:15 p. m. The Concert is being given this year to raise funds for a much needed organ for the new sanctuary. Tickets sell for $1.00. The proceeds will go into the Organ Fund. Musical selections will be brought by the "Men About Town", quartet of the Portland Symphonic Choir; by members of the Allied Arts Club, and by soloists of the Church Choir.

YAMHILL

The Year 1950 is starting off for the Yamhill Christian Church in a very encouraging way. We have had eleven responses to the invitation since January 1. We had 24 added in '49, making a total of 63 during the present ministry. New pews were installed at Christmas which has very much improved the appearance of our auditorium. R. L. Putnam, minister.

PHILIPPINES MISSION

Missionaries in the Philippines Mission under the auspices of The United Christian Missionary Society have had to give major time in the post-war years to rebuilding, repairing and rehabilitating the damaged property. While all the work is located on Luzon Island, it is divided into several areas by geographical boundaries and by dialect differences. In the Tagalog area (in the vicinity of Manila) eleven churches have been aided. In the northern area where Vigan and Laoag stations are located, eleven more have been repaired or reconstructed. In the Abra Mountains the work is almost completely new. The report made at the close of 1949 shows that funds received from **A Crusade for a Christian World** have made it possible to: Construct 10 new church buildings, reconstruct 5 church buildings after damage in the war or by typhoon or both; repair 7 church buildings; supply roofing for 20 chapels in the Apayao, Abra and Ilocos areas of the northern part of the island. The people of the villages provided lumber for the framework and the siding and transported the galvanized iron roofing over steep mountain trails. They also supplied the labor for construction; constructed buildings for the new high schools established at Lamao in Abra, and at Kabugao in Apayao; repaired the educational building and Adamson Hall at Laoag; repaired the dormitory building at Vigan; put a concrete floor in the dormitory building. Specific responsibility for construction work was given to Mr. and Mrs. Catfield, appointed in 1947. Her experience in office and bookkeeping work and his as a builder, as well as their service in the pastorate, have been valuable assets in their missionary service. While theirs had been the major responsibility, other missionaries and national leaders have aided in construction, transportation of materials, and in the evangelistic work which precedes a building project. —E.L.B.